

**NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting**  
**February 6, 2013 MINUTES**  
**Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria**

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Present: Joe De Vito Chair, Robert Staulo, Kirsten Tuohy, Stephanie Lapham, Matt Green, Jeff Mace, Terence Sack  
Staff: Jennifer O'Leary  
Guests: Tom Pomeroy, Deb D'Arcy, Zan GaMothe, Kevin O'Connell  
Interns: Teekhon Davidoff, Jay Sobel, Jacob Prince, Zachary Eagle

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The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM and chaired by Joe De Vito.

A vote to accept the minutes of January 2, 2012 was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The budget for FY 2012 is \$2,500
  - Expenses to date include:
    - \$423.86 Food/Activities/Gifts
    - \$487.50 6 Month Subscription eCHUG
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- \$911.36 Total Spent
- \$1588.64 Balance
- \$586.12 Revolving Account Balance

**Business:**

Update on Awards Dinner:

- Update about meeting with Parks and Recreation to discuss a partnership in the future for awards
- Discussion around partnership –what would be gained and/or lost
- Criteria for awards passed around for review
- Discussion of how we would partner – have representatives on nomination review board, change wording of criteria to allow for those who have served Newton residents, but are not residents themselves
- Motion to partner with Parks and Recreation for their Youth Awards in place of the Youth Commission's end of the year awards dinner accepted

Update on eCHUG:

- Newton Teen Voice students recommend putting eCHUG on hold from March to September
- Passed around information on number of usage and stats from eCHUG to date
- Discussion about recommendation to put subscription on hold

- Jenny will contact eCHUG about putting a hold on our account and saving our information for a potential reboot in the future
- Jenny will look into having our current webpage direct people to the Youth Commission page for information as to why the site is down and to an online BAC calculator and local resources for help
- Motion to hold off on subscription accepted

Improbable Players:

- Open Item, will be revisited next month
- Discussion about making an effort to get help funding this program
- Discussion about the importance of funding drug and alcohol prevention programs and the underage drinking problem in the City

Update from the Mayor's Public Service Interns:

Youth Summit II:

- Two Action Groups continue to meet - Academic Stress & Time Management (next meeting on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>) and Youth & Adult Conversation/Collaboration (next meeting on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Update on Action Groups – who has been attending and what ideas have come up
- Discussion about Action Groups – ideas for who to invite, Youth Commission would like to continue being invited to meetings
- Update about Youth Summit planning and what will be needed for a budget
- Discussion about budget for summit
- Motion to give \$700.00 from Youth Commission budget to Youth Summit II accepted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. **The next meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2013.**

**Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary**